

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
JULY 22, 2009**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Council members:	
John Schroeder	Absent
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Six of the seven council members were in attendance, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge. Mayor Schmitt invited the Boy Scouts in attendance to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes:

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. June 17, 2009 regular Common Council meeting
2. June 17, 2009 6:40 p.m. public hearing to rezone 3.25 acres for Braun Timber Industries
3. June 17, 2009 6:50 p.m. public hearing to vacate a public utility and drainage easement located in West View Third Addition
4. June 9, 2009 special joint meeting with the Park Board

A **motion** was made by Council member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried 6-0.

Boy Scouts. There were three Boy Scouts present from Troop #182 who are working on their communication badges. In attendance were Daniel Kreilein, Nick Whitson, and Luke Hoffman.

Utility Service Board. General Manger of Utilities Gerald ‘Bud’ Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on July 20, 2009. Copies of the minutes are supplied to each council member.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 (2) OF ORDINANCE NO. 546. ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM CODE FOR TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA – PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN DESIGNATED STREETS

This ordinance prohibits parking on the south side of 1st Avenue east from Truman Road a distance of 687 feet.

A motion was made by Council member David Prechtel, seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt and approved 6-0 to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Ambrose ‘Butch’ Schitter, seconded by Council member Randy Buchta and approved 6-0 to have the ordinance read by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randy Buchta and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2009-19. Motion passed 6-0.

Under Discussion, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein stated in May, Jasper Rubber Products asked for no parking on 1st Avenue in front of Plant 2. An ordinance was adopted prohibiting parking on the south side of 1st Avenue east from Truman Road a distance of 415 feet. When Jasper Rubber Products made the request, they inadvertently asked the City to eliminate parking from the west drive instead of from the east drive; therefore the request is to change the distance from 415 ft to 687 ft.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-20 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BONDING OF CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

This ordinance changes the blanket bond amount for City employees from \$8,500.00 to \$15,000.00 due to a July 1, 2009 law change.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt, seconded by Council member Randy Buchta and approved 6-0 to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel, seconded by Council member Ambrose ‘Butch’ Schitter and approved 6-0 to have the ordinance read by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Ambrose ‘Butch’ Schitter to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2009-20. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2002-54 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE JASPER DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

This ordinance adds train excursion fees to the Park Department fee schedule ordinance.

A motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta, seconded by Council member David Prechtel and approved 6-0 to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt, seconded by Council member Kevin Manley and approved 6-0 to have the ordinance read by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Ambrose "Butch" Schitter and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2009-21. Motion passed 6-0.

Under Discussion, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein said fees for those who want to use the train for special events are being added to the ordinance. Effective September 1, 2009, the fees for chartering the entire train-round trip to French Lick, In. is as follows:

\$2,400.00 + \$300.00 one train car
 + \$500.00 two train cars
 + \$600.00 three train cars

Council member Ambrose "Butch" Schitter asked if a special party charters just one car or two cars on a regular night can the public go on the other car[s]. Hemmerlein said one can charter one or two cars on a regular night. Fees for such situations will be presented at next month's meeting. Mayor Schmitt reiterated that yes it will be available to the public also. Schmitt then said there are a lot of scenarios to work out.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randy Buchta to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 19th day of August, 2009.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary